

REMARKS

Claims 7-8, 11-17, 20, and 22 constitute the pending claims in the present application.

Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

1. Claims 3, 5-8, 11-17, 20, and 22 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. The Examiner has noted that the recitation of seco-, nor-, or homo- derivatives of formulas I, II, III, IV and V do not limit the instant claims to the elected subject matter. In particular, during a telephonic interview on June 24, 2004, the Examiner maintained that claims 3, 5, and 6 were drawn to non-elected subject matter. Solely to expedite prosecution of the remaining claims, Applicants have cancelled claims 3, 5, and 6. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims of similar or differing scope in subsequent applications. The remaining rejected independent claims, claims 7 and 8, have been amended so as to not recite seco-, nor-, or homo- derivatives of formulas IV and V. Thus Applicants assert that the remaining rejections have been rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections. Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance and early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited. Any questions arising from this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 951-7000. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this submission, please charge the fees to our **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit account.

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